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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: LAO AIRLIFT RICE TO LPLA FIELD UNITS

1. A LAO SOURCE REPORTED A CONVERSATION WITH A LAO PILOT FLYING A C-47 IN DAILY RICE DROP OPERATIONS TO LPLA UNITS FIGHTING INSURGENTS IN THE PAKSANE AND LONG TIENG AREAS. THE PILOT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AN LPLA BATTALION IN THE PAKSANE AREA WAS SURROUNDED BY INSURGENT FORCES AND THAT THE AIR DROP OPERATION WAS MEETING SMALL ARMS FIRE, INCLUDING HITS IN HIS C-47.
2. THE PILOT REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT IT WAS OFTEN NECESSARY TO FLY TWO TO THREE MISSIONS A DAY IN ORDER TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL DROP BECAUSE OF POOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LPLA UNITS AND THE PLANES.
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